

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

**ABSTRACT**

Forest Department - Diversion of 42.071 Ha [22.195 Ha in Nellore Division and 19.876 Ha in Wild Life Proddatur Division] of forest land, in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., for erection of 400 KV multi circuit power transmission line from Krishnapatnam - Gooty - Kurnool - Permission accorded - Orders issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Ms.No. 61**

**Dated:14-08-2012.**

**Read the following:-**

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.6681/2009-F3, dt:19-9-2010.
2. State Govt. Letter.No.7732/For.I(1)/2010, dt:1-10-2010.
3. From GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.No.8-86/2010-FC, dt: 23-12-2010.
4. State Govt. Letter.No.7732/For.I(1)/2010, dt:08-2-2012.
5. From GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.No.8-86/2010-FC, dt:06-06-2012.

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**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, has submitted a proposal for diversion of 42.071 Ha. [22.195 Ha in Nellore Division and 19.876 Ha in Wild Life Proddatur Division] of forest land for erection of 400 KV multi circuit power transmission line from Krishnapatnam - Gooty - Kurnool, in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

3. State Government in the letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, have furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage.I approval, to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests. State Government vide further letter dated.25-05-2012 have furnished certain additional information as desired by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 42.071 Ha [22.195 Ha in Nellore Division and 19.876 Ha in Wild Life Proddatur Division] of forest land, in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, for erection of 400 KV multi circuit power transmission line from Krishnapatnam - Gooty - Kurnool, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for diversion of 42.071 Ha [22.195 Ha in Nellore Division and 19.876 Ha in Wild Life Proddatur Division] of forest land, in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, for erection of 400 KV multi circuit power transmission line from Krishnapatnam - Gooty - Kurnool, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) State Government shall create and maintain Compensatory Afforestation over the degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted from the funds realized from the User Agency.
- (iii) State Government shall realize additional NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (iv) The User Agency should take appropriate measures such as re-adjustment in location of the transmission towers to ensures that felling of *Pterocarpus Santalinus* (Red Sander) trees, a highly valuable species, endemic to Kadapa, Nellore, and Chittoor Districts of Andhra Pradesh, available in the forest land proposed for diversion is minimized to the extent possible.
- (v) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (vi) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal sources of alternate fuel.
- (vii) The User Agency shall ensure that no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area because of this project.
- (viii) The project area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, DGPS co-ordinates forward and backward bearings and distance from adjoining pillars etc.,
- (ix) The User Agency shall ensure that minimum trees shall be felled for erection of the transmission line and shall further ensure that felling of the identified trees is undertaken under direct supervision of the officials of the State Forest Department.
- (x) The User Agency shall either himself or through the State Forest Department plant dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line.
- (xi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xii) Any other condition that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore or State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.
- (xiii) User Agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report, indicating status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval, to the State Government and the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry, and,
- (xiv) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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**Copy to:**

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Krishnapatnam – Gooty - Kurnool.

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